

### REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5 and 9-16 have been allowed.

In response to the rejection of claims 6-8 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Applicants have amended independent claim 6 recite "computer program stored on a computer readable medium," as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, claim 6 and its dependent claims 7-8 are now in allowable condition.

Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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